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FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS

Members Meeting 7.30pm

19th January 2010

15th March 2010

10th May 2010

Trustees Meeting

24th February 2010

22nd April 2010

Warehouse Open 10am - noon

6th February 2010

6th March 2010

3rd April 2010

1st May 2010

Back To Nature Walk

15th May 2010

If you would like to support ROAD by becoming a member, please send £5 with your name & address to:

*Kevin Smith, 10 Cleveland Avenue,
Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN6 9TH*

*This money helps towards day to day administration costs,
newsletters and postage etc.*

The road to a

friend's

house is
never long.

[Danish Proverb]



CHAIRMAN'S VOICE.....

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, a group of ROAD members travelled to Romania from December 4th to 11th 2009. This was to primarily distribute Christmas presents to school children and family / toiletry boxes to those in need. I was privileged to be part of the group and I have to say it was a very humbling experience. To see the joy a simple gift can bring to a child certainly brought home to me the true meaning of Christmas. It also brought home to us the great divide within Romania between those who have and those who have nothing, still relying on the charities working in Romania.

During our visit we were given a very warm welcome and shown tremendous hospitality wherever we went. Often people, who in most cases had very little would want to give us so much, showing generosity to share the little they had with in some cases people they had never met before.

Every time I visit Romania it certainly puts things and life into perspective, serving as a reminder why we continue the work of ROAD. Once again I would like to thank you for your support- no matter how small and look forward to new the new challenges 2010 may bring.

Kevin Smith ~ Chairman



SPONSORED WALK

Why not join us for a leisurely stroll around the beautiful lakes at Whisby Nature Park near Lincoln.

The walk will take place on Saturday 15th May 2010 starting at 1pm.

Money raised will be split between

ROAD and The Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Registration is required, so for more information and information pack,

contact Paul or Joanne on: 07806 788255

Or email: backtonaturewalk@gmail.com





COMPUTER

Update



For many years, ROAD have been able to send a large number of computers to Romania. We would like to thank everyone, whether individual or business for their kind donations.

Due to the fact that most schools in Romania now have computer equipment supplied to them from their local authorities, we are now asking for systems suitable for families.

As technology is progressing at a great pace, we are now only able to accept computers with operating systems of Windows XP or Windows Vista.



Monitors



Due to the size and weight of old style monitors, we can only accept the following :

Old Style Colour VGA : 15" & 17" only, manufactured after 2002.

New Style TFT's (Flat Screens) : Any size

Printers



These are only suitable if they are supplied with the original software/driver CD, connection cable and at least 4 new ink cartridges.

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Go to www.facebook.com, then login and type 'Romanian Aid Distribution' in the search box.

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ROAD was highlighted at the recent District Rotary Conference at Bridlington when ROAD Trustee and Past President of Woodhall Spa Rotary Club **Jim Cork** gave a presentation on ROAD's work in Romania to the delegates. The presentation covered many aspects of ROAD's involvement in the Zalau area, particularly the Pasi Spre Viitor centre, formally known as the Filitura block.



The Westerley Knitting Group in Woodhall Spa has been busy again. ROAD Director Jim Cork was pleased to go along to meet the ladies and receive the results of their efforts. He is looking forward to meeting them later in the year to tell them about our work in Romania. Our grateful thanks go to the group for their support.

Before Christmas, three Chocolate parties were held in and around Lincoln.

Thanks to all the Chocoholics, we raised just over £ 140.

ROAD Trustee Jim Cork was delighted to visit the Inner Wheel Club of Spilsby on their Overseas Meeting to give an account of ROAD's work in Romania. Jim showed the ladies a PowerPoint presentation on the many aspects of our activities around Zalau. The ladies had been busy knitting and collecting much needed items to send on our next lorry. Overseas Officer Margaret and President Myra presented Jim with a carload of blankets, other knitted items and school boxes. Many heartfelt thanks go to the ladies in Spilsby for their support.



Christmas Trip 2009

Since 1993, **ROAD** has been taking Christmas presents to the poor and needy in the villages around the city of Zalau, Romania.

This year was no exception.



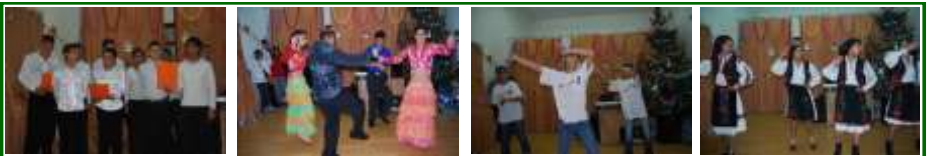
Presents were collected, delivered, sorted and then loaded onto the lorry.

A group of 8 **ROAD** members made the long trip early in December.

It was the first visit to Romania for many of the group, so it was very exciting for them to witness first hand the joy and happiness brought to the individuals and families when receiving gifts.

The trip was as busy as ever, with the group visiting a number of schools in order to distribute presents, sweets and fruit to the children.

When not visiting schools, the group visited Romanian Relief's Safe Houses & Medical Centre, the Pasi spre Viitor Centre, the CITO Disability Centre, the APWR Centre, Grace Church, Crasna Care Homes and a number of families.



The group were treated to a music and dance presentation, performed by the residents of the Pasi spre Viitor centre.



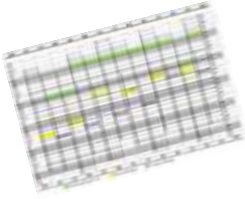
Group members were overwhelmed by the generosity of families for their hospitality, with some putting on a pound or two!



‘Pasi spre viitor’



The residents of the Pasi spre viitor centre have enjoyed their first Christmas together. The photos show some of the residents opening presents kindly donated by ROAD members.



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Keep up to date with warehouse open mornings, members' meetings etc. for the whole year.

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